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Newsletter

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From the Principal's Desk...

Welcome to newsletter for week 10.

What an absolute privilege I had last week to accompany our three Year 6 students, Knox, Kasey and Ellie, together with student leaders form Hargraves, Goolma and Glen Alice Public Schools, to Sydney for two days for the annual Young Leaders Day event. Our students just made me so proud. They immersed themselves in what the event was about, represented our school so very well and showed responsibility and courtesy throughout the excursion. It was lots of fun but some very important messages were relayed by the list of speakers and I'm looking forward to seeing how our students will put their leadership skills into action over the coming weeks.

Last week also saw the whole school giving their all at the Cassilis Cross Country event. Students have been practising at school and it certainly paid off with many students winning medals and ribbons.

This week will see the start of summative assessments as we head towards the end of term 1. We know students have been working hard this term and the assessments will provide us with the data we need to show the depth of understanding across all KLAs. This will provide teachers with clear indicators of any gaps in learning or areas that require further consolidation next term.

Please take a look at the calendar at the end of the newsletter to see the events we have coming up before the end of term.

Here's to a fabulous week!

Caron McDonald (Principal)

Empowering students through excellence in education to **DREAM** of a bright future, **BELIEVE** in themselves and others, and **ACHIEVE** their full potential.





Attendance

As we are now in week 10, individual attendance letters will be sent home at the end of the week so parents can see where their children are in relation to our school and network targets. We are aiming for every student to have a minimum of 90% attendance. Being at school on time every day means maximum learning opportunities for your child.

Pillowcase Project Australian Red Cross

Today, all students participated in a workshop called the Pillowcase Project. These workshops are organised by The Australian Red Cross and help children prepare for, cope with and respond to an emergency. Disaster resilience is the ability to anticipate, prepare for, respond to, adapt to and recover from the impact of emergencies. Practical skills that contribute to disaster resilience can be learned and practised. Children who participate in disaster resilience building activities have been shown to be better equipped to deal with an emergency.

Research also suggests that educating children in disaster preparedness plays a part in creating a culture of preparedness and resilience in the community as a whole. Children are positive change agents within their families and their communities. If given the opportunity to participate, they can make a very real and positive difference before, during and after an emergency.

The program supports learning outcomes in our personal, development and health program and also covers civics and citizenship learning outcomes.



Red Hill History Excursion



Next week on Thursday 10th April, all students will attend an excursion to Red Hill Environmental Education centre to participate in a variety of learning activities related to their current units of learning in History. A permission note with further details is attached to this newsletter.



ZARA-ANN

Zara-Ann always give her very best effort in class and is a wonderful role model for her peers.



FALLON T

Fallon shows great interest in every aspect of school life and always gives 100% effort in everything he does.



P&C Meeting



Our next P&C meeting, (which will also be our AGM), will be held at school this coming Wednesday 2nd April at 2:30pm. This slightly earlier time ensures students are supervised throughout the meeting. We really hope as many of you as possible will be able to join us – there's lots of exciting things happening at school!

P&C 100 club fundraiser



There's less than 2 weeks left to buy your numbers in the P&C 100 club. If you would like to buy a ticket, send in your \$5 with the number of your choice and we will add your name to the chart. The winning numbers will be drawn on the last day of term at our Term 1 assembly and Easter Hat parade. First prize will win \$100, second prize \$50 and third prize \$25. All remaining proceeds go to the P&C as their fundraiser.

P&C Easter raffle



Thank you so much to the families that have already sent in chocolate Easter goodies to go into the prize baskets. We still need a few more prizes so please send in what you can. If you have sold raffle tickets, please send the ticket stubs to school with the money. Let us know if you require more tickets. This raffle is always very well supported, and prizes will be drawn on the last day of term at the Easter Hat parade and Term 1 assembly.

There will be an extra prize for the family that sells the most tickets as usual. Thank you to the families who have already returned tickets and taken even more. Remember, every dollar raised helps support our students at school.

All tickets, sold or unsold, together with any money from sold tickets must be returned to school by Wednesday of week 11.











Birthdays at school this week

Ellie celebrates her 11th birthday today. We wish her a very happy birthday, hope she liked her gift and enjoyed making yummy cake with a buddy to share





The following students completed and submitted their week 9 homework last Friday: Kruze, David, Fallon W, Nora, Brooklyn, Sadie, Ellaria, Lilly, Knox, Zara-Ann and India Each student will receive an extra sticker on their charts towards their next merit certificate. This week will be the final week of homework for this term.

Bronze Badge Morning Tea



All students who have received a BRONZE badge for achieving 5 merit awards will be treated to a special morning tea as a reward on next Tuesday the 8th of April.

Last Day of Term



Don't forget to lock in the last day of term (11th April) to join us at school for the annual Easter Hat making session, Easter Hat Parade, P&C raffle and, of course, our term 1 assembly. The fun all starts at 12:00pm on that day. Light refreshments will be available for parents and visitors. We hope you'll be able to join us!

12pm – 1pm Easter Hat making in both classrooms

1pm – 1:30pm students eat lunch, light refreshments provided for parents and visitors

1:30pm – Hat parade, Annual Easter Egg hunt for students

2:00pm – Term 1 assembly, P&C Easter Raffle and 100 club draws





We are very pleased to announce the first principal awards for 2025. The following students have all received 5 merit awards and earned their BRONZE badge: Emmalee, Ellie, Justin, Ellaria, Brooklyn, David, Fallon T, Zara-Ann, Nora and Sadie.











From the



JUNIOR CLASSROOM



Congratulations to all Junior students that participated in the Cross Country last Week, I heard everyone put in their best efforts.

In English students have finished their work with Our Island, Kindergarten have been looking at using nouns to name and prepositions to explain where a noun is. Years 1 & 2 have been identifying and using noun groups and prepositional phrases. They will continue their study of these skills in their next text study of Under the Southern Cross.



In mathematics, students will continue their skills of forming equal groups and year 2 using multiplication.

This week and next will be an assessment full week where our end of term assessments will take place, we will encourage all students to try their best.













Senior Classroom

As we head towards the end of term, students will start to complete some assessments to demonstrate their learning towards personal goals this term. We are aiming to finish reading our class text by next Monday so we can watch the movie to compare it to the book. I am very impressed at the growth in writing this term with our focus on sizzling starts in narratives. Students have really tried to use the strategies taught in class and apply them to their own writing compositions.

In Mathematics this week, students will be focusing on fractions. This is always an area that students find tricky, especially when they move to looking at decimal fractions and percentages. Students are working at very different levels in class in this focus area so activities will be tailored to meet the needs of each group – fractions of shapes, fractions of quantities, equivalent fractions, common denominators and calculating decimal fractions.

Having a growth mindset is something we talk about in class regularly. This means being able to recognise that mistakes are learning opportunities and to challenge yourself to grow. It's very easy for students to want to complete learning activities that they are comfortable with but it's only through challenge and trying the tricky work that we grow as learners.



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